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SUBJECT:1977 DRAFT PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES IMPLEMENTING
CONDITIONS

REF: BUCHAREST 5975

1. CU IS REVIEWING IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS IN LIGHT OF
QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL. SINCE SUBJECTS OF BOOK
ALLOWANCES, STIPENDS, AND POSSIBLY OTHER CONDITIONS WILL
REQUIRE FURTHER ANALYSIS IN TERMS OF BUDGETING AND OTHER
CONSIDERATIONS, WE REQUEST THAT IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS
NOT RPT NOT BE PASSED TO ROMANIANS AT THIS TIME.

2. FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION, CU CURRENT THINKING FOR ITS
PROGRAMS IS AS FOLLOWS. BOOK ALLOWANCES FOR ALL CATEGORIES
WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. WE ARE PREPARED TO RAISE LEVELS
OF STIPENDS FOR ROMANIANS IN THE US, IN LINE WITH INCREASED
COSTS IN THE US AND WORLD-WIDE INCREASE IN CU STIPENDS.
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT UNWISE TO ADVISE THE ROMANIANS IN
ADVANCE OF THE EXACT AMOUNT OF INCREASES, AND TO USE THESE
INCREASES AT THE NEGOTIATIONS TO OBTAIN INCREASES AND OTHER
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ADVANTAGES FOR US GRANTEES IN ROMANIA.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION WE REQUEST EMBASSY TO ADVISE

DEPARTMENT OF SUGGESTED LEVELS OF INCREASES WE SHOULD SEEK FOR US GRANTEES AND ANY ALLOWANCES OR OTHER BENEFITS WE MIGHT OBTAIN IN EXCHANGE FOR INCREASED STIPENDS FOR ROMANIANS.

4. CU HAS DISCUSSED INCREASED STIPEND LEVELS FOR ROMANIANS WITH WILBURN AND LOVECKY BUT THEY SHOULD BE CAUTIONED BY EMBASSY NOT TO MENTION THESE NEW LEVELS TO THE ROMANIANS. ONE THING WE HAVE LEARNED FROM PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROMANIANS IS TO BE COZY WITH THE FIGURES AND NOT TO GIVE THEM AWAY IN ADVANCE WITHOUT OBTAINING CONCESSIONS IN EXCHANGE. WE WOULD THEREFORE PLAN TO INCLUDE STIPEND LEVELS OF OLD PROGRAM IN OUR DRAFT TO BE PRESENTED TO ROMANIANS, A PROCEDURE WHICH THEY WILL UNDERSTAND.

5. CU HAS CONSULTED WITH CIES AND IIE, AND THEY ARE IN FIRM AGREEMENT THAT, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, CURRENT ACADEMIC DEADLINES MUST BE MAINTAINED.

6. DURING RECENT MEETING OF CIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CIES OFFERED ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WHICH WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL FOR EMBASSY CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT. KISSINGER

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